

## POSTSCRIPT!

## MR. STANTON'S DISPATCH.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, June 17, 1864—9.30 a. m.—To Major General Dix, New York:—The following dispatch has been received by this department:

"CITY POINT, June 15th, via Jamestown Island, 5.30 a. m., June 16th, 1864.—"Smith, with 15,000 men, attacked Petersburg this morning. Gen Butler reports from his observatory, near Bermuda hundred, that there has been sharp fighting, and troops and trains of the enemy were, as he writes, moving from the city across Appomattox, as if retreating. Hancock is not near enough to render Gen. Smith any aid."

"The Richmond papers have nothing to indicate a suspicion of our crossing the James River. They expect to be attacked from the direction of Malvern Hill."

"CITY POINT, VA., 7.30 p. m., June 15, 1864—Our latest report from Smith was at 4.04 p. m. He had carried a line of entrenchments at Beatty's House, the colored troops assailing and carrying the rifle pits with great gallantry; but he had not yet carried the main line. He describes the rebel artillery fire as very heavy. He expects to assault this line just before dark. Hancock is within three miles of Smith."

CITY POINT, VA., 7 a. m., June 16, 1864, [via Jamestown Island, 11.45 a. m.]—"At 7.20 p. m. yesterday Smith assaulted and carried the principal line of the enemy before Petersburg, taking thirteen cannon, several stands of colors, and between three and four hundred prisoners. This line is two miles from Petersburg. Hancock got up and took position on Smith's left, at 3 a. m. to-day.—There was heavy firing in that direction from 5 to 6. No report yet."

"DONT HARD LANDING, Va., 1 p. m., June 16, 1864.—After sending my dispatch of this morning from the heights southeast of Petersburg, I went over the conquered lines with General Grant and the engineer officers. The works are of the very strongest kind, more difficult even to take than was Missionary Ridge at Chattanooga. The hardest fighting was done by the black troops. The forts they stormed were I think the worst of all."

"After the affair was over, Gen. Smith went to thank them, and tell them he was proud of their courage and dash. He says they cannot be exceeded as soldiers, and that hereafter he will send them in a difficult place as readily as the best white troops. They captured six out of the sixteen cannon which he took. The prisoners he took were from Beauregard's command. Some of them said they had just crossed the James above Drury's Bluff."

"I do not think any of Lee's army had reached Petersburg when Smith stormed it. They seem to be there this morning, however, and to be making arrangements to hold the west side of the Appomattox. The town they cannot think of holding, for it lies directly under our guns. The weather continues splendid."

CITY POINT, Va., 4.15 p. m., June 16, 1864, (via Jamestown, 11.45 p. m.)—Gen. Butler reports from Bermuda Hundred that the enemy have abandoned the works in front of that place. His troops are now engaged in tearing up the railroad between Petersburg and Richmond."

The following dispatch does not designate the hour, but it is supposed to be later than the preceding ones.

"JAMESTOWN, Va., June 16, 1864.—I came down from the pontoon above Fort Powhattan with dispatches for Secretary Stanton. Just as I left Captain Pitkin reported to me that Petersburg was in our possession."

Nothing of recent date has been heard from General Sheridan, but the Richmond Whig of the 15th contains a dispatch from General Lee stating that Sheridan had been routed in an engagement with Fitz Lee and Hampton, losing five hundred prisoners and leaving his dead and wounded on the field."

From Gen. Sherman a dispatch dated last night at 9 o'clock, has been received. It only states the relative position of the forces. No serious engagement had yet occurred.

EDWIN M. STANTON,  
Secretary of War.

Messrs. Noble S. Braden, Nathan Gregg, and Washington Myers, of Loudoun county, have been arrested by a Federal scouting party, at their houses, and it is announced are to be held as "hostages."

The "big gun" at Battery Rogers, was fired several times, this morning. Quite a crowd collected there. Neither the report of the gun nor the concussion were as great as was expected.

According to the Washington Star, the report of the death of Major Gen. Leonidas Polk (said to have been killed near Kenesaw, Georgia) is confirmed in a dispatch from Gen. Sherman.

Gen. Grant's army commenced crossing the James river on Tuesday, and, it is said, the whole force had crossed over, without opposition, on Wednesday afternoon.

A large Lincoln and Johnson ratification meeting was held in Washington on Wednesday night.

## TO CITY TAX-PAYERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the collectors will be in attendance at the Council Chamber on and after the 20th instant, from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m., and from 3 until 6 p. m., for the purpose of settling with the tax-payers. A discount will be allowed to all persons paying their taxes for 1864, in full, in current funds, of twenty per cent. on or before the 1st of July next, and of ten per cent. thereafter and on or before the 1st of August next.

GEO. C. HEWES, Coll. N. D.

O. C. WHITTLESEY, Coll. S. D.

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NOTICE—The advertiser will endeavor to collect from his old friends, this and the next week, some balances which are due him, and the payment of which, at this time, from those who are able to pay, would be very acceptable, and thankfully received. In his prosperity he was never an importunate or constant collector; and, he trusts, that now none will unwillingly settle with him.

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Market prices.

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The Ladies of this city will hold a FESTIVAL for the BENEFIT OF THE POOR, on the north side of King between Washington and St. Asaph st., commencing on Wednesday evening, 15th June, and closing on Saturday night, 18th. As this is for benevolent purposes it is earnestly requested that all who take an interest in the suffering humanity will send their contributions at once to the hall. However small, they will be thankfully received. (Admission 15 cts.)

"Ye that giveth to the Poor,  
Lendeth to the Lord."

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## AUCTION SALES.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA. On Wednesday, June 22d, 1864, at 12 M. I will offer at Public Auction, on the premises, the large and BEAUTIFUL ESTABLISHMENT in Alexandria, Va., late the residence of Caleb S. Hallowell, Esq., formerly of said city.

The property is sold for no fault whatever, but solely because of the removal of its owner to Philadelphia.

The dwelling was completed in 1859, is three stories, brick, covered with tin, and has observatory, bay window, conservatory, &c. It is 40 feet front, by 30 feet deep, contains about 40 rooms, is heated by furnaces, and supplied with water and gas.

The grounds have been fitted up without regard to expense, and are in excellent keeping; they afford a large yield of fine fruit. The property is located in the choicest part of the city.

The lot fronts on Duke street (just repaved) 123 feet 5 inches, and extends along Columbus street 244 feet 10 inches; two other lots will be sold at the same time and place, which very nearly complete the entire half square. The place, since the removal of its owner in 1861, has never been without a good tenant, and can at any moment be profitably rented or leased.

Title indisputable. Clear of all incumbrance. For further information apply to S. FERGUSON BEACH, Esq., Custom House, Alexandria, Va., or to CALEB S. HALLOWELL, Esq., 1126 Wallace street, Philadelphia.

At the same time and place will be sold for Cash to the highest bidder, a large amount of Household and Kitchen Furniture.

je 11-ts W. L. PENN, Auctioneer.

P. S.—At the same time will be sold, in lots to suit purchasers, ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION STOCK, TEN SHARES, and ALEXANDRIA LYCEUM STOCK, EIGHTY-FIVE SHARES, the property of Mr. Hallowell. Far value of the former \$100 per share, and of the latter \$30 per share. Rent is paid by the Government for the Lyceum property to loyal stockholders.

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PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 22. Will be sold on the Premises, at Public Auction on Wednesday, the 22d instant, between 12 o'clock, M., and 1, P. M., (immediately after the sales of Mr. Hallowell and Mr. Jamieson,) THE LOT OF GROUND AND BUILDINGS THEREON, owned by me, south side of King street, east of Payne street: said lot beginning 27 feet to the east of Payne street; runs east 27 feet on King; thence south parallel to Payne 79 feet, to Commerce street; then, returning to point of beginning, runs south parallel to Payne 95 feet to Commerce street, thence with Commerce street, to meet the second line, having a front both on King and Commerce street. The building fronting on King was partially destroyed by the late fire—much of it, however, is still standing and sound, and the building can be restored at no heavy expense. The tenement fronting on Commerce street was not injured by the fire.

TERMS—Cash, and expenses of conveyancing to be borne by purchaser.

For further particulars, enquire of S. F. BEACH, Esq.

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JAMES ROLOH.

## DWELLING HOUSE

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE commodious two and a-half story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, with metal roof, southwest corner of Duke and Pitt streets, now occupied by Capt. C. B. Ferguson, U. S. A., will be offered for sale to the highest bidder, on the premises, on Wednesday, June 22, 1864, at 12 o'clock, M., or immediately after Mr. Hallowell's sale.

One half of the purchase money will be required in cash; the remainder at six months with interest.

The title to be retained until the whole be paid. Possession will be given June 30th. The cost of transfer, stamps, and taxes for 1864, to be paid by the purchaser. Title unquestionable. The lot is thirty feet on Duke street, and ninety feet on Pitt street, with the right of way over a twenty feet alley in the rear.

The Household and Kitchen Furniture will be sold on Tuesday, June 28th, 1864, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ANDREW JAMIESON,  
Administrator, &c. of  
M. Mazdeville, dec'd.

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